

## FIRST SHOW AT THE DEN THIS EVENING

Largest Crew Which Was Ever Used to Stage Performance Will Be on Hand.

With King Ak-Sar-Ben ready to open the doors of his mighty den Monday evening for the first show and initiation of the season, the king issued a proclamation, in view of the extraordinary international situation in which the nation finds itself at this time. Following are the king's words: **HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** A PROCLAMATION.

Ak-Sar-Ben XXIII, King of Quivera Overlord of the Seven Cities of Cibola and Grand Master of the Corn Belt.

To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings!

Whereas, the United States of America (at whose very heart is the kingdom of Quivera), is at war. The times are exceeding grave and troublesome, and armed men go to and fro, but know ye that our royal line of Ak-Sar-Ben kings was founded many years ago in a like troubled period, amid scarceness, dullness and woe, and

Whereas, prosperity, progress, and even success in our present serious undertaking may depend on our great and varied activities; because the vast and intricate machinery of today's society and commerce, if once even slowed up is exceeding hard and precarious to start again.

Therefore, it is adjudged and by us ordered, that all ceremonies, initiations, parades, spectacles and pageants of our loyal knights of Ak-Sar-Ben be conducted in a grander, more awe inspiring and dazzlingly gorgeous manner than my subjects have ever heretofore beheld and it is

Furthermore ordered, that all our court chaplains shall at some times in season deliver public preachments on Verse IX, Chapter VII of the Ak-Sar-Ben Chronicles, which saith, "Keep Ye a Stiff Upper Lip and Play the Game To the end Thereof."

By the King, SAMSON, Lord High Chamberlain.

Hundred in Crew.

Over 100 men are in the initiation crew this year. The Kerness, which broadly speaking embodies the whole of the wide variety of initiation features this year, requires more workers than any of the previous initiations. The various features are scattered all over the den, and necessarily take a larger number of individual squads of workers.

Hot sandwiches, "hot dog," cheese and crackers, radishes and onions, buttermilk and coffee, are to be on the menu for the free lunch following the show each night this season.

A special initiation and show is to be given Wednesday evening of this week for the delegates to the funeral directors' convention, when delegates will be here from Iowa and Nebraska. The membership hustling committee will hold a meeting Monday noon at the Hotel Fontenelle, after which they will spend the entire afternoon hustling.

### New Shoe Institution

Is to Locate in Omaha

The G. R. Kinney company, incorporated, who operate a chain of fifty-seven stores, throughout the United States, will open their fifty-eighth store at 207-209 North Sixteenth street, Hotel-Loyal building, in a very few days.

The G. R. Kinney company began business twenty-four years ago in Waverly, N. Y., and by adhering closely to the plan of giving all their possible credit in real shoe value at a small margin of profit their business has grown to such proportions that they are now numbered among the largest exclusive retail purveyors of shoes for men, women and children. These Omaha stores will be one of the largest shoe stores in the state. It is located on the ground floor, of easy access, and stocks will be conveniently arranged. Only reliable, low-priced footwear will be offered.

### Prospectus of Athletic Club Given to Public

The prospectus of the Omaha Athletic club has made its appearance. It is a handiwork of the secretary, John C. Wharton. The booklet is printed on tinted paper, with illuminated cover. There is shown a half-tone picture of the proposed ten-story building to be erected on the north side of Douglas, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets. There is a history of the club and the building company and a detailed account of the methods employed in raising the money to pay for the construction of the \$400,000 brick and stone structure, that will house the organization.

### Ten Are Killed in Mine Explosion at Herrin, Ill.

Herrin, Ill., June 2.—Sixteen men were entombed by a mine explosion here tonight. Two were rescued. Ten bodies were recovered. The fate of the other four is unknown.

### Officers Take Transients And Liquor Near Fremont

Officers while searching for thieves, who entered the offices of three lumber and coal companies in Fremont, broke up a merry little drink party under a bridge on the Burlington tracks south of Fremont at noon yesterday. Four transients and ten bottles of whiskey were taken. The men said they got the booze on a Northwestern freight train near Boone, Ia.

### Former Omahan Injured On Visit After 15 Years

George W. Moore, a druggist of Denver, en route to Chicago by auto, received a fracture of both bones of his right arm while trying to crank his machine Saturday afternoon, at Fifteenth and Douglas streets. He was taken to the office of Dr. C. B. Foltz, who reduced the fracture. Mr. Moore

The lacos on display in Orchard & Sigheim's window are made and designed by Anna Knop Slater, publisher and author of the Briar Rose Lace Crochet Book, on sale at the art departments in the city.

## Foulard Comes Into Its Own Again



This summer we are wisely revising our fondness for foulard. A little frock of blue, spotted in white, is claiming enthusiastic attention. The surplice waist has a collar of blue satin to match the skirt of that material. The long surplice crosses around the waist twice and goes through a little eyelet to end in a long sash end, faced in the blue. The width of the collar frames the face and throat most becomingly and the soft panierlike fulness is so draped that even a fairly stout woman can wear it. The long sleeves button over quaint, flat, silver discs and have cuffs of organdie falling softly over the wrist.



## OMAHAN WRITES OF WAR EXPERIENCES

Son of Prominent Family Relates First Impression of Conflict in Letter to Parents

News from Omaha boys at the front and training camps is of the utmost interest to the "stay at homes." The following extracts from a letter written by the son of a prominent Omaha family, who is in the American Ambulance Field Service in France, has just been received by his mother. It is dated April 15 and addressed from 21 Rue Roynard, Paris.

"You should see the way the Canadians jump and yell when they see our flags. One of the crowd that surrounded us in a village on our way from Paris to Bordeaux, asked when the rest of the American army was coming. I told them there were several million on the way and he seemed very much satisfied.

"Explaining who I am, where I am going and being in the center of an inquiring throng doesn't seem to bother me in the least any more. Everybody in the villages comes out to see us as we go by, and to give us our flags a grand cheer.

**Fighting Becomes Fiercer.** "The fighting, which has been going on at the front for the last few weeks is fiercer, so they say, than any since the beginning of the war. For the first time since then the wounded are coming back with the mud of the trenches on them.

"The Paris service of the ambulance is working day and night taking care of all the train loads of wounded. They tell horrible stories of wounded not being taken care of for days. And the hospitals at the front are overflowing.

"The Germans are using all their dead bodies to make oil and grease out of. They send train loads of dead bodies back with corpses packed in like sardines. The French have not found a grave in the evacuated territory.

"Everyone now has strict orders not to touch any toys or pick up souvenirs as there have been innumerable deaths of children being killed and wounded by hidden bombs. They are a great race all right."

Significant - the need for knitted garments is the following: "About time to start in pur 34 chas is it started to rain, but as I had on, well, I'll tell you if you will believe me, one woolen shirt, one flannel shirt, one corduroy vest, one sweater, one uniform coat, a pair of overalls, fleece-lined raincoat, and over all this a rubber slicker, which I put over my head. Oh, yes, and a muffler, and I was perfectly comfortable. Of course, I had on two pairs of woolen socks and my big shoes, to say nothing of a pair of rubber leggings. You should have seen some of the other fellows. I should have thought they would have died of pneumonia."

### Women Will Distribute President's Message Tuesday

Mrs. Frederick H. Cole received a letter from Dr. Anna Howard Shaw last night, in which Dr. Shaw suggests the naming of a committee of women to hand a copy of President Wilson's address to congress and the world to each man who registers on Tuesday. This is in order that each man may know exactly the reasons that led the United States to enter the war.

Dr. Shaw is taking this action with the sanction of the Council for National Defense. It is suggested that the detailed work be under the direction of the chairman of the state council. Mrs. Cole consulted with Judge McHugh, and on his advice has called a meeting of women who will assist to gather at the rooms of the Commercial club on Monday afternoon at 7 o'clock, when final plans will be laid.

Mrs. Cole wired to Dr. Shaw last night her acceptance of the assignment, and also to Chicago headquarters, from where the copies of the address will be sent for distribution.

## Lack Proper Spirit; Candidates Discharged

Fort Sheridan, Ill., June 2.—Discharge of about seventy-five candidates for commissions from the reserve officers' training camp here was recommended today because their captains did not believe they showed, in making out cards for draft registration, proper spirit for officers of the United States army.

Exemptions were claimed on grounds that the men were married, were physically disabled or were under military age.

The captain of one company told the men one by one that unless they were willing to serve as privates they were not wanted as commissioned officers.

## OMAHA YOUTH PLAYS PART IN WORLD WAR

Joseph William Simmons Leaves Canadian Overseas Service to Enter U. S. Navy.

"Somewhere in France" there is a regulation Krag rifle, such as is carried by members of the Canadian overseas contingents. There are thousands and thousands of rifles of the same pattern doing duty in the hands of hardy Canadian infantrymen, but this rifle is different. Cut deep in its stock are eleven notches. Each of these notches represents the life of a "Boche" and the total one day's sniping by an Omaha man.

Joseph William Simmons, who has not yet reached his majority, carried the rifle on the day when one by one the eleven notches were cut in the gun butt, as "hiding out in no man's land," he counted the Germans that toppled from the crest of their trench and plunged into the pit below.

Simmons, who worked in Omaha until a month before leaving with the Canadian forces for Europe in February, 1916, passed a few days visiting Floyd Heskett, Sanford hotel, upon his return home to enlist in the United States navy. He left last night for Chicago to enter the Great Lakes training station.

### Other Experiences.

But the day of the rifle was not Simmons' only exciting experience, according to the story he told in Omaha.

At Verdun he was overcome by asphyxiating gas—a thing blue death fog—from the German trenches, that stifles the helpless soldier too slow in throwing up his gas mask. He remained eight weeks in a field hospital recovering from the effects.

On the Somme a flying bit of shrapnel struck him in the knee. It required four weeks for the wound to heal.

In a steel helmet, brought back from Europe by Simmons, are two dents. These represent how close he twice came to death, while on sniping duty and when the aim of some German sniper was exceptionally good.

Twelve hundred officers and men of the Forty-fifth battalion charged the German trenches at Lens. Simmons was one of the forty-five members of the battalion to survive the charge.

But harrowing experiences have failed to shake Simmons' nerve and he hopes again, this time in the uniform of the United States, to play still another part in the great world struggle.

### R. L. Metcalfe Talks At Aurora Meeting

Richard L. Metcalfe of Omaha and Jesse B. Strode of Lincoln were the speakers yesterday at a patriotic meeting at the Hamilton county court house in Aurora under the auspices of the Hamilton County Council of Defense. Both speakers declared that the war was being fought for democratic principles. They called for enthusiastic support of the administration on the part of all.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results

## No Pay for Legislators Who Refuse to Pass Bill

Tallahassee, Fla., June 3.—Because the state legislature refused to include a reapportionment provision in an appropriation bill passed just before the session ended yesterday, Governor Cart yesterday ordered the state treasurer not to issue salary warrants for the legislature and stopped payment of about \$20,000 worth of warrants previously issued, but not yet cashed.

Tonight the members were consulting legal authorities on what steps might be taken to secure their salaries.

## SEEKS TO ENJOIN TAX COLLECTION

Metz Brewing Company Files Suit Against Treasurer From Collecting 1917 Personal Property Tax.

Metz Bros. Brewing company has brought suit in district court against M. L. Endres, county and city treasurer, seeking to enjoin him from collecting the 1917 tax levied on the brewery's personal property in 1916.

The brewery alleges that the protection of the tax is denied for a period of eight months, by reason of the prohibition law having gone into effect May 1. The petition sets out that to pay the tax would be "inequitable, unjust and confiscatory."

According to the brewing company, when it returned its schedule of personal property for assessment for 1916 in the sum of \$82,000, that amount represented the reasonable

market value at the time of preparation of the schedule.

The brewers allege that H. G. Counsman, county assessor at that time, "without notice, illegally, arbitrarily and capriciously raised the total valuation stated in the schedule to the \$102,000, without changing or raising valuations of the different items listed."

Metz Bros. company alleges that complaint was made to the Board of Equalization and facts presented as to the "greatly diminished value of the property by reason of prohibition."

The petition says that the board entered in the minutes, "Referred until other brewers are taken up and disposed of," but took no further action in the matter.

The court is asked to set aside the tax, issue a restraining order enjoining the treasurer from collecting or attempting to collect the tax and also hand down a decree reducing the amount of the tax.

## Nebraska to Have Best Corn Crop in Its History

W. W. Johnson, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, is back from a crop inspection tour of the company lines in the southern part of the state.

While Mr. Johnson found that in the territory visited a large acreage of the winter wheat had been winter killed, farmers are not in the least discouraged. Instead of letting their ground remain idle, they have plowed it up and seeded every available acre. Most of the acreage is being planted to corn and indications are, says Johnson, if the season is favorable, the Nebraska corn crop will be the largest in the history of the state.

According to Mr. Johnson, the corn planting has been finished, and in a good many localities it has been cultivated the first time. The stand is almost perfect, indicating that farmers planted good seed.

## Workmen Give Lodge Fund To Red Cross Before Dropping

Since the agitation over the proposed increase in rates the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge of Nebraska voted to adopt over a year ago 135 members of the North Bend order have withdrawn, 100 of that number dropping their policies a few days ago. Before dropping out the members voted to donate the lodge fund of \$500 to the Red Cross. The lodge now has a membership of thirty-five.



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